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	<b>Wheeled Equipment in Hallways</b>			

### **POLICY:**

To allow for wheeled equipment that is in use, medical emergency equipment not in use, and patient lift and transportation equipment to be permitted to be kept in the corridors for more timely patient care.

**PURPOSE:** To promote a more home-like environment while ensuring compliancy with the most modern fire protection equipment.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Resident wheelchairs in use may be in corridors.
2. Medical emergency equipment (i.e. bladder scanner, O2 concentrators, Universal Precaution Carts, etc.) not in use may be in corridor close to resident's room with the need.
3. Resident lifts and transportation equipment may be kept in the corridors.
4. Each wing will designate the South side of the hallway to keep equipment as to allow for the widest space to pass. See Attachment #1.
5. In case of an emergency, each wing will designate a place to put wheelchairs, equipment, and mechanical lifts.
6. Fixed furniture will be allowed in corridors but will not obstruct accessible routes and be in compliance with the ADA and fire regulations.

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